ing the quarters vacated. The magistrate has been posted and some quarters are in the process of being vacated.

Price of Dragline operating in Bharat Coking Coal Limited

5261. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the price of dragline, now operating in Block II area of Bharat Coking Coal Limited;

(b) the cost in terms of interest, depreciation etc. per day for that;

(c) the average output done to that dragline per day in the month of February, 1994 with detals thereof; and

(d) whether the cost outweighs the gain and if so, the steps taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) The purchase price of the dragline operating in Block II areas of Bharat Coking Coal Limited is Rs. 2021.59 lakhs.

(b) The cost in terms of interest, depreciation etc. per day for the machine is Rs. 1.13 lakhs.

(c) Average output done in the month of February, 1994 is 6586.6 cu. metres per day.

(d) Cost of overburden removal by dragline is lesser and hence the cost does not outweigh the gain.

The gain would, however, have been more but for the following constraints :

(1) Existence of fire in coal seem which restricts the working of dragline.

(2) Delay in evacuation of village resulting in non availability of sufficient working place for dragline.

The following steps have been taken/are being taken for further improvement :

(1) Isolation of fire in coal seam. 80 % isolation of fire has been done by dragline an this has saved approximately 33 million tonnes coking coal reserve from destruction.

(2) Steps are being continuously taken to expedite the rehabilitation.

Jobs for dependents of Deceased Workers of BCCL

5262. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers who died in harness between the date of take over and 31st December, 1978 in BCCL;

(b) whether it is a fact that dependents of some of the deceased workers got jobs with the other deserved candidates;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any scheme to consider the left out cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Provision of employment to dependents of workers who die in harness was brought into force from 1-1-79 and thus the relevant satistics for the period prior to 31-12-78 have not been maintained.

(d) and (e) There is no such scheme under consideraion